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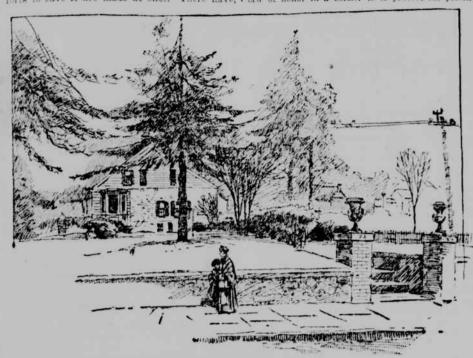
TARRYTOWN MEANS TO TEAR DOWN THE JACOB MOTT HOMESTEAD.

IT WAS HERE THAT ICHABOD CHANE PAID COURT TO KATRINA VAN TASSEL-REVOLUTIONARY

TURIES AGO.

The fact that the spirit of progress has little respect for antiquities and that venerable landmarks with which romance and history are associated must often make room for modern structures may be demonstrated to the citizens of Tarrytown soon. The old Mott homestead, which has weathered the storms of nearly two centuries and which in its day has sheltered men who helped to build the Republic and to create its literature, is soon to be torn down to make room for a modern building, unless effective efforts to save it are made at once. There have,

known as the Van Tassel Tavern, Elizabeth Van Tassel being the proprietor. Being centrally situated, it was naturally the halting-place for all comers. At one time the predatory bands of "Skinners" and cowboys made it their riotous headquarters, and, at another, officers of British and Continental troops who happened to be in the neighborhood. We have data to show that "Mad Anthony" Wayne, "Lighthouse Harry" Lee and other well-known actors on that stage were in this region. Prisoners were more than once taken from here to the Sugar House and the prison ships, and sometimes the Americans, who even then believed in reciprocity, turned the tables and carried off captives from the other party. This story is told in connection with the place.



THE JACOB MOTT HOMESTEAD

or course, been vigorous protests from old citizens, who look upon the house as a valuable historical relic, against its demolition. The house stands on the east side of Broadway, a few steps north of Main-st., near the Second Reformed Church, and within a stone's throw of the place where one of Tarrytown's taverns stood, in revolutionary times. It is all that remains in that part of the beautiful village to recall the days of the Revolution. A modest garden surrounds the place, and trees, vines and thrubs and a fine boxwood hedge add color to the picture. Those who know say that a number of changes have been made in the low, quaint building, but the original walls still stand as they were built 184 years ago.

WASHINGTON VISITED IT

The Rev. Dr. John A. Todd, in his history of Greenburg township speaks of the place and says that it was erected by Abraham Martlingh. It has had many owners, and in 1826 it became the property of Jacob L. Mott, whose son succeeded him as owner and occupant. The house is now occupied by Purdy Williams, who has lived there since last October, and Dr. Todd

At the time of the last purchase the place contained about eighty acres altogether, and the price paid was \$3.80. In 1838 Mr. Mott repaired the house without changing it very much however, as his former schoolmate and friend, Washington Irving, came to see him while the work was going on and urged him to preserve the original building as far as he possibly could. Legend and history are associated with the place, it was a public house for some time during the Revolutionary War, and Washinston came there several times to call on an officer who lay il beneath its roof. It was there, also, that Ichabod Crane lost his heart to Katrina Van Taesel, and where Washington Irving gained nome of his inspiration for his "Legend of Sleepy Hollow."

It has served its purpose, and sentiment cannot stay the hand of the great destroyer utility. The village of Tarrytown has acquired the prop- levels, sufficient added space could be given for the

west wall.

Of 'course the chief interest centres about the home of Katrina Var Tassel, Irving's one immortal heroine. The romantic interest outweights the historical. The Mott homest and has a legendary interest not surpassed even by that which eninterest not surpassed even by that which envelops the "House of the Seven Gables," and if it stood in New-England there would be no need to raise a hand in its defence. Popular sentiment would protect it forever. Tarrytown has been built partly-largely-through the influx of people drawn there in the first place by Washington Irving's legend of Sleepy Hollow. The account of the ride in which Ichabod Crane fled from the headless Hessian is one of the most popular classics in our language to-day. It seems hardly possible that sane men should contempate tearing down the scene of the courtship, the point from which the famous ride commenced. It would be safe business policy to protect and insure it.

MORE SPACE FOR THE LIBRARY.

NEEDED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING PROBABLE.

Postmaster Dayton was naturally delighted yesterday over the prospect, even, of needed alterais only a short time since The Tribune spoke of the problems presented for solution in the antiquated structure, and pointed out deficiencies which are sought to be remedied by the proposed appropriation of \$50,000. The alterations will pertain principally the United States courtrooms in the building Attendants upon the sessions of the courts have always noticed the high ceilings in the rooms, with the useless galleries running round, and have also observed how difficult it was for argument or jury charge to be understood, owing to the excessive echo pervading the rooms. In addition there was the deplorable waste of space. Some time ago, Postmaster Dayton said, he was visited by the president of the Law Library and by the Judges of the courts, who presented to him a plan whereby, through dividing the courtrooms longitudinally at the gallery



FRONT VIEW OF THE OLD HOUSE.

erty by purchase for about \$20,000 and will prob- | library. In fact, the crush of volumes has been so ably erect a school on the spot which is now occupied by the Mott house. The school will be of the most improved style of architecture and will cost about \$75,000.

OF UNQUESTIONABLE ANTIQUITY. Edgar Mayhew Bacon, who is one of the many residents of Tarrytown who regard the proposed destruction of the Mott homestead as vandalism,

said:

The age of the house is not known. In 1712, while this region was all part of the Manor of Filipsburg, one Martlings was "inhumanely slain," as into tombstone states, in a massacre in Sleepy Hollow, in the War of Independence, and is known as the Martyr of Sleepy Hollow. There are not now standing, I believe, more than four houses in this part of Westchester County, that were built when the Mott homestead was erected. A small part of Sunnyside and the Filipse Manor House, mill and old Dutch Church—the group built by Sir Frederic Yilipse—are known to be of greater antiquity.

Between 1712 and the Revolutionary War there is no history as to the homestead, only a list of the names of owners. During the war the house was



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great in this institution that the library officials have been easting about for a point to remove to. Representing the Law Library in the matter are

Joseph H. Choate, George C. Holt, Judges Brown, Lacombe, Cox and Shipman and the District-Attor-ney. By the alterations contemplated the courts will secure added space, the Law Library will have enough room to provide for its needs for fifteen years to come, and the Postoffice will have three rooms added to its space on the second floor, which may be given over either to the Inquiry Department or the Money Order Department, as the needs of

either seem to require.

"If," said Mr. Dayton, "I had an additional \$20,000 I could make some advantageous changes on the office floor, but under this proposed appropriation none of the benefits will accrue to the postal service With the added money I could set out those bays or With the added money? could set out those bays or alcoves in the partition on the ground floor, and by placing my distributing tables along that unbroken space secure a great deal more floor room for work. It would be a great improvement, but I have small hope that the closing part of my service will witness any improvement in that direction. If this \$60,000 is secured it will accomplish a great deal in enlarging the space in this building."

HIS FIFTIETH YEAR IN THE PULPIT.

The Rev. Dr. Amasa S. Freeman completes a pastorate of fifty years next June in the Central Pres byterian Church, of Haverstraw, and the anniversary will be celebrated by the congregation. Dr. Freeman came to the church a young man, just after it was organized, and has devoted his entire life in the ministry to the people there. The cele bration will be conducted on an elaborate scale and will occupy three days. The Presbytery of Hudson, will occupy three days. The Presbytery of Hudson, which includes the Presbyterian church in Orange and Rockiand counties, has asked for the privilege of one day's exercises. The Sunday-school and Christian Endeavor Society also want a day, and one day is desired for a general jubilee. Clergymen and others interested in ecclesiastical matters in various parts of the United States have written to Dr. Freeman's congregation expressing a desire to be present at this remarkable anniversary. Dr. Freeman is about seventy years old, and is in remarkably good health, being as vigorous and active markably good health, being as vigorous and active as he was twenty years ago. He is known and reputed throughout the State. Since Dr. Freeman went to Haverstraw he has married over five hundred couples, many of them being sons and daughters of those whom he baptized in their infancy.

LENTEN SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S.

At St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Parish, Broadway and Vesey-st., the Litany will be said every day in Lett. including Ash Wednesday, February 19, at 12 o'clock noon. Special half-hour services every Fri-day for business and boys, consisting of Litany, hyms and brief addresses, will be held at 12:05 p. m. The bour for morning services on Ash Wednesday is chanted to 10:30 o'clock.

THEY WILL TAKE THE BENCH

DOGS TO BE ON EXHIBITION IN THE MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

THE SHOW OF THE WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB

dogs this week, for on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock the twentieth annual dog show of the Westminster Kennel Club will be opened. Nearly all the best prize winners in this country will be there, as across the water come this year a number of blue-



blooded dogs. They are from various parts of Europe, and even from China. The "country cousins" State and from other States are sometimes called,

Everything points to the show's being successful of its kind ever held. It will be better in many respects than last year's, and, therefore, the best, as the preceding one was superior to all its 1,620-not many more than those of last year, but the standard of breeds will be higher. More imported dogs will be seen than at any previous show.

About \$12,000 will be awarded the prize-winners, of which sum the Westminster Kennel Club gives



Every afternoon and evening performing dogs wi he seen in the ring, and three times on Washington's

Duer, Thomas H. Terry, Elliot Smith and R. D. Poote. The judges are George Raper, of Sheffield. England; Muss Arnolt, Tuckahoe, N. Y.; James L. Anthony, Netherwood, N. J.; William Tallman,



SIMON DE AUDBURY.

Plainfield, N. J.; Dr. William Jarvis, Claremont N. H.; W. S. Clark, Linden, Mass., and Dr. H. T. Foote, New-Rochelle, N. Y.

Among the entries are mastiffs, St. Bernards, bloodhounds, Russian wolfhounds, deerhounds, greyhounds, English foxhounds, collies, old English sheepdogs, poodles, buildogs, builterriers, fox-terriers, Irish terriers, Scotch terriers, Bedlington terriers, pugs, toy spaniels, great Danes, American foxhounds, basset-hounds, dachshunde, pointers, foxhounds, basset-hounds, dachshunde, pointers, English setters, Gordon setters and Chesapeake Bay dogs, Irish setters, Irish water spaniels, clum-



JINGO. JAPANESE SPANIEL.

ber spaniels, field and cocker spaniels, beagles, Boston terriers, Newfoundland dogs, whippets, black-and-tan terriers, white English terriers, toy terriers, Yorkshire terriers, Dandie Dinmont ter riers, Skye terriers, schipperkes and Italian grey-

Then there will be a choice collection of miscellaneous dogs, including some varieties never shown here before. Among the miscellaneous breeds will be Ramus Latteur, recorded as a "dogue de Bordeaux." Ramus Latteur is described as resembling somewhat a buildog, although much bigger, tipping the scale at over a hundred pounds. William P. Burden shows Singapore and Hong Kong, both of which are Chinese Chow-Chow dogs. This breed resembles a spitz. The color of the inside of their mouths and of their tongues is black. They are a little bigger than the spitz. The Chow-Chow dogs have been exhibited at shows in Europe, but never

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Much is expected of him. The Heligate Kennel Club has entered Heligate Defender, by Champion Oils-Lady Bountiful. In the challenge class for smooth-coated St. Bernards is Melrose King, owned by Robert H. Burrows, of Arlington, N. J.

Pandora, owned by Richard Croker, is entered in the open bitch class for St. Bernards. Pandora took second prize last year. In this class will also be seen Henry Schierloh's Charmion and Notre Dame, by Lord Dante-Cathedral, belonging to Dr. C. A. Lougest, of Beston, and Lady Hannay, owned by Mrs. Ada L. Churchill. The last named won first prize last year.

Kaween, and in open class, dogs, Simon de Suc (imported), both owned by Dr. C. A. Lougest.



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GOVERNOR RUSSELL.

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Girl and Southern Belle. Pointers—Heavyweight challenge class, dogs, Lad of Kent, which won the American field cup last year for being the best pointer in the show. Lad of Kent is the property of George Jarvis.

The Westminster Kennel Club will show the following pointers, not entered in competition: King of Kent, Sandford Druid and Ightfield Telen. All are well known on field and bench. Among the pointers, heavyweight challenge blithes, are Lass of Kent, owned by George J. Gould; open heavyweight class, dogs, George J. Gould; open heavyweight class, blitches, Devonshire Pearl; challenge lightweight class, bitches, Lady Gay Spanker and her sister, Miss Rumor. Lady Spanker she heavy and her sister, Miss Rumor. Lady Spanker is one of the best small pointers in this country. She is owned by George J. Gould, open lightweight class, dogs, Chanceller, owned by George J. Gould, and open lightweight class, bitches, Ridgyiew Brackette.

MR. PURCELL'S POINTERS.

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J. R. Purcell exhibits in open heavyweight class pointers, St. Blaise and Nigma; in open heavyweight pointers, St. Blaise and Nigma; in open heavyweight class, bitches, Chart and Venus Psyche; in open lightweight class, dogs, Cid and Staunch George; in open lightweight class, bitches, Lady Margaret, a field trial winner. In English setters, open class, dogs, Rodfield, owned by P. T. MadSon, of Indianapolis, is a noted field trial winner. He won the champion stake in the field trials last year, and also captured the first prize on the bench at Columbus, Ohio.

Among the many other dogs entered are King of Among the many other dogs entered are King of Bienheims and Jingo doth in the challenge class for Japanese spaniels), owned by W. J. Burkart, of Brooklyn; Commissioner II, in the challenge class for Boston terriers, and the high-breed Newfoundland, Governor Russell. Commissioner II is owned by Phelps & Davis.

LETTER-CARRIERS TO MAKE MERRY.

INTERESTING PROGRAMME FOR THEIR ANNUAL CONCERT AND RECEPTION.

have been exhibited at shows in Europe, but never in this country, it is said. Punch and Judy, both Esquimau dogs, owned by S. Onderdonk, are among the miscellaneous entries, as are the Maltese terriers. Flossle, owned by Mrs. J. P. Wade, and Madoc, owned by Miss Estelle R. Provost. The Maltese terriers weigh from fifteen to twenty pounds, have long silky hair, which reaches to the ground and covers their eyes. They are of a pure white color.

SOME FAMOUS BIG DOGS.

In the mastiff class will be seen Black Prince Brampton, owned by J. L. Winchell, Fair Haven, Vt.; Ilford Rex, owned by the Rev. E. A. Watkins, of Albany; William Tell, by Ingleside—Maxmillian, the property of Theodore L. Van Norden, Brooklyn. In St. Bernards, Leeds Barry, an imported dog, owned by Mrs. Smyth, of the Swiss Mountain Kennels, Germantown, Penn. Leeds Barry is by County Member, out of Court Beauty. At the annual concert and reception of the New-

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MR. HEWITT ON RAPID TRANSIT.

WHY HE FAVORS THE ELM-ST. ROUTE IN PREFERENCE TO THE BROADWAY.

The Rapid Transit Inquiry Commissioners met gain yesterday morning at No. 26 Broadway. The first witness was Edward J. Rice, who was recalled. He is the statistician of the Elevated Railroad. He said that in the month of January, 1896, there were 373,790 passengers carried daily on the Third and Sixth ave. lines. The number of trains operated daily between the hours of 4 and 5 p. m. was 152, with a maximum seating capacity of 36,480. Mr. Rice said that the trains could accommodate 875,520 passengers with seats any day in the year.

The next witness was ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt. He was examined as to his views for underground rapid transit, based upon his investigations as a nember of the Board of Experts who investigated the subject. He said that he favored the Elm-st. oute instead of Broadway, and gave as one of his reasons the fact that the building of the road under Broadway would require the tearing up of the street to such an extent as seriously to injure business in that street.

"The reason why I favored and still favor the Elm-st. route," said Mr. Hewitt, "is because that street will have to be reconstructed and widened, and there will be no necessity for having recours to underpinning and the shoring of buildings, which will involve extra cost. Broadway is only 400 feet from Elm-st., and I still believe that the building of the road along Broadway would cost far in excess of \$50,000,000.

While I was Mayor I remember Broadway was repayed, and, owing to the decadence in business during the progress of the work of repairing, I re-garded it as an intolerable nuisance. If the route is constructed along Broadway business will be enirely obstructed, and it will take some time to re-

cover. "The question of underpinning buildings along Broadway is one of great importance, and involved est of which no engineer, in my opinion, no matter how great his professional capabilities may be, is

how great his professional capabilities may be, is capable of giving an estimate.

"The width of a four-track road along Broadway is and must be more expensive and dangerous to huildings than a similar road along Eim-st."

Mr. Hewitt then said that the cost of building the proposed road along Broadway was an unknown quantity. This was shown by the fact that the Legislature was asked for \$5,00,000 to cover contingencies.

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necessity of providing better railroad facilities for the travelling people of this city, of the steady growth of New-York beyond the Harlem River, both on the East and West sides, as being one of the reasons for the construction of an underground system of railway both on the East and West sides of the city.

The witness was not in favor of increasing the city's debt, but was of the opinion that if the Eimst. route was adopted in preference to that along Broadway the Grand Central people would defray the cost for the purpose of eventually owning the road.

Several engineers and contractors were also

WOMEN TO PROTECT SUNDAY. MRS. SANGSTER AND DR. FAUNCE SPEAK

AT THE HOME OF MRS. DODGE. The first of a series of drawing-room meetings under the auspices of the Woman's National Sab-bath Alliance was held on Thursday, at the house of Mrs. William E. Dodge, No. 225 Madison-ave., where so many gatherings have been held in former years in the interest of moral and social reforms, both civic and National.

A large number of representative women were present, among whom were Mrs. William E. Dodge, jr., Mrs. Samuel Thorne, Mrs. Mary Lowe Dickin-son, Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Mrs. H. M. Alexander, Mrs. William Phelps Stokes, Mrs. Z. M. Humphrey, Mrs. William Isaacs, Mrs. DeW. C. Blair and Mrs. Burrell.

Mrs. Darwin R. James, the president of the Alliance, presided, and stated the object of the newly organized society to be an alliance of women throughout the country for the maintenance of the Scriptural law of Sabbath observance; to enlist Christian women in organized resistance to the constantly increasing encroachments upon the sancti-ty of the Sabbath. After a hymn sung by Mrs. Samuel Thorne and her daughter, Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster was introduced, and said in part: